

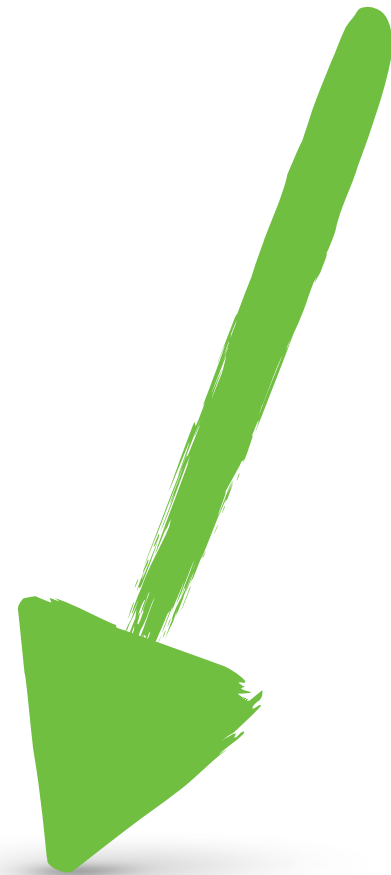
# Let's Learn Python!

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teacher:

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# Meet Your Laptop



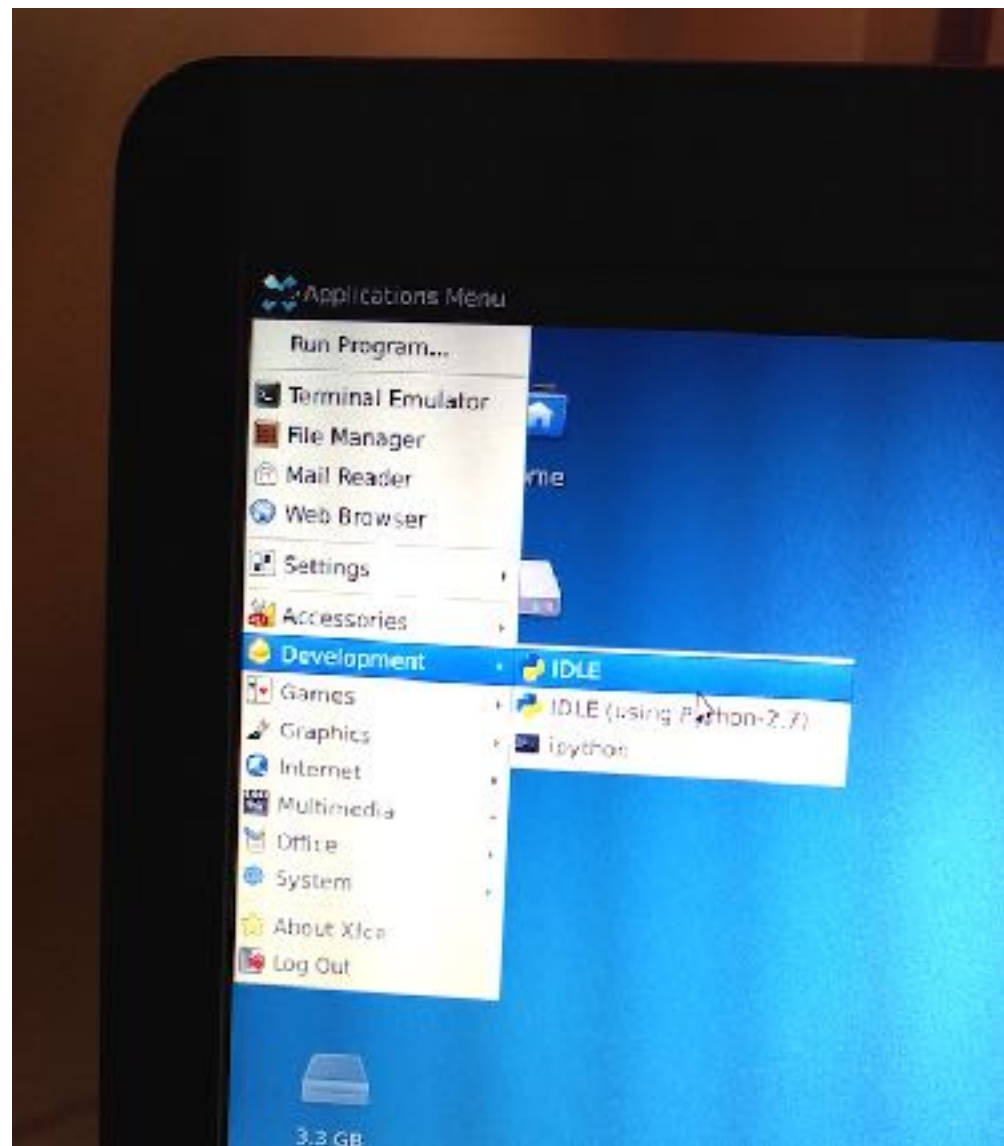
- HP Chromebook 11 G5
- Chrome OS
- Ubuntu Linux (in a chroot)

# Meet Your Laptop



1. Turn it on
2. Hit ctrl + d at the scary screen.
3. Click **Browse as Guest**
4. Hit ctrl + alt + t
5. Type shell
6. Type ubuntu

# Meet Your Laptop



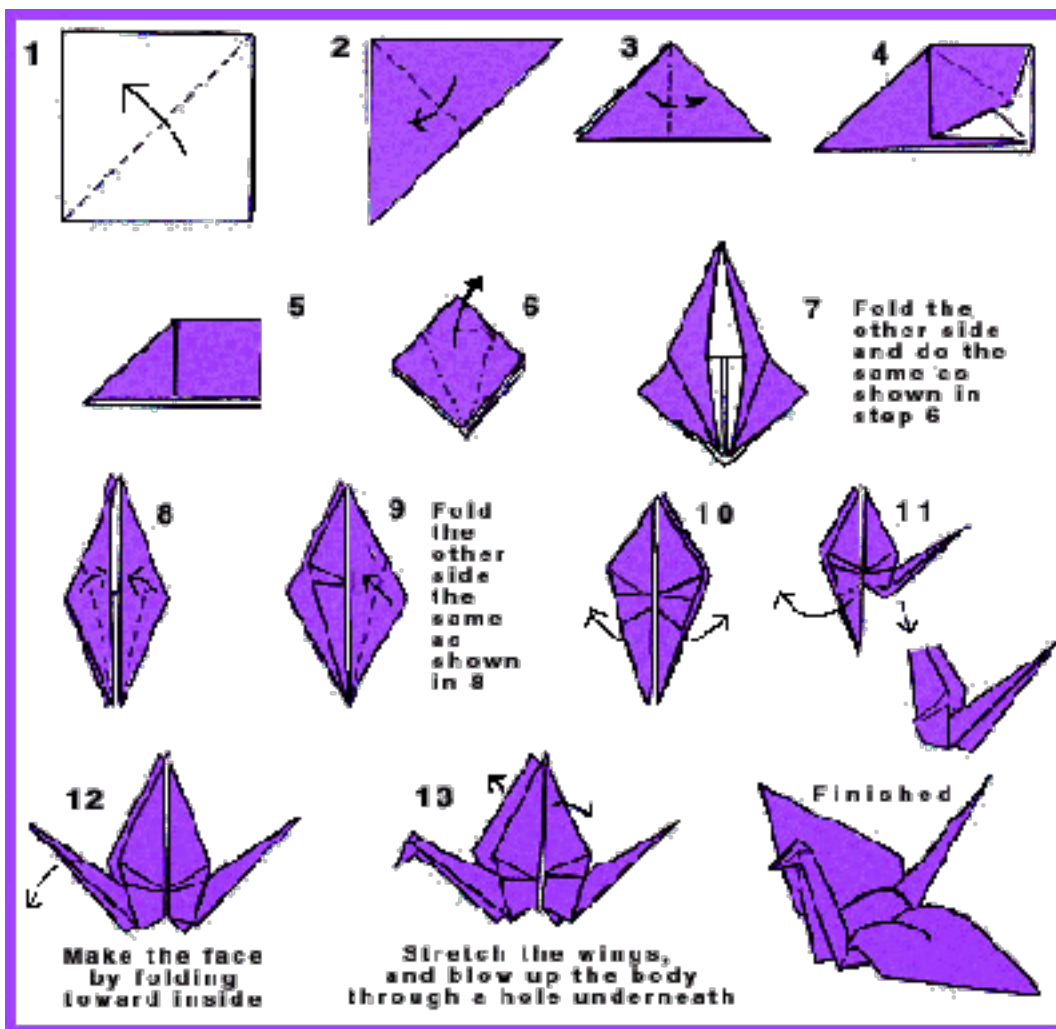
1. Click the Applications Menu
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# What is programming?

- A **problem** to solve
- A **solution** to the problem
- The solution translated into a language the computer can understand

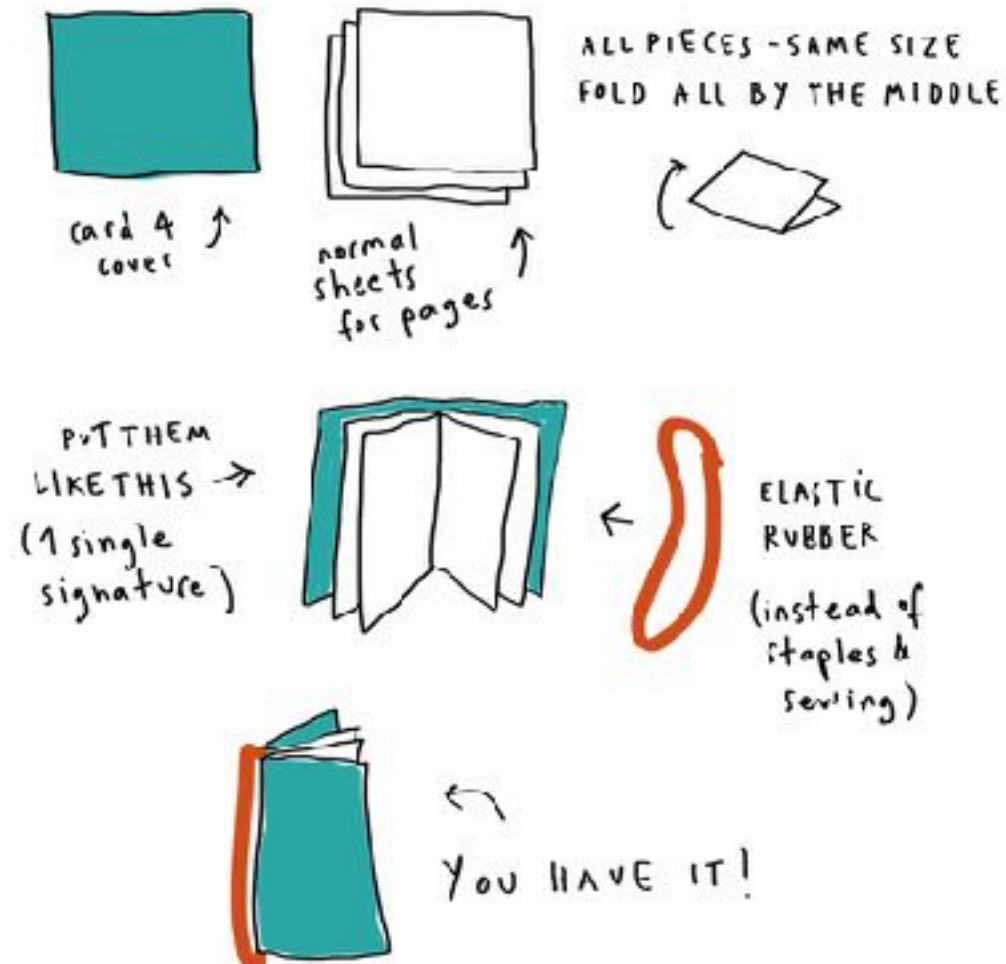
- ★ A **computer** is a machine that **stores** pieces of information.
- ★ A computer also **moves, arranges,** and **controls** that information (or *data*).
- ★ A **program** is a detailed set of **instructions** that tells a computer what to do with data.





## SUPER-EASY BIND

NO GLUE, NO SCISSORS, NO NEEDLE, NO RULES



## Sugar Cookies

Preheat oven to 375 degrees

10 minutes

### Ingredients:

2/3 cup margarine

¾ cup sugar

1 egg

½ teaspoon vanilla

2 cups flour

1 ½ teaspoons baking powder

¼ teaspoon salt

4 teaspoon milk

### Instructions

Combine margarine, sugar, egg, and vanilla. Separately, combine flour, baking powder, and salt. Combine two mixtures along with milk.

Chill 1 hour before baking

Roll out dough to about a ¼ of an inch thickness and cut out cookies.



# Algorithms

# 97 Simple Steps to...

**Make a paper airplane.**

How many steps does it feel like?

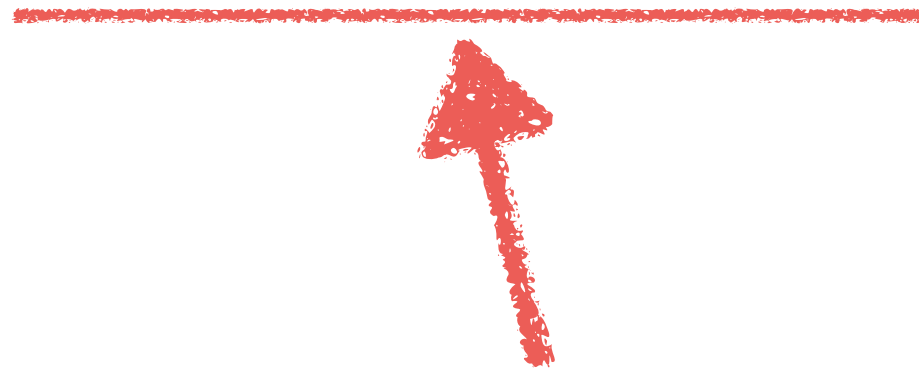
Let's talk to Python!

# The Python Shell

>>> 9 + 5 - 15



The shell's  
prompt.



The stuff you type.

# The Python Shell

```
>>> 9 + 5 - 15  
- 1
```



The returned value (or result)  
of your python code.

# Math

Try doing some math at the prompt:

>>> 1 + 2

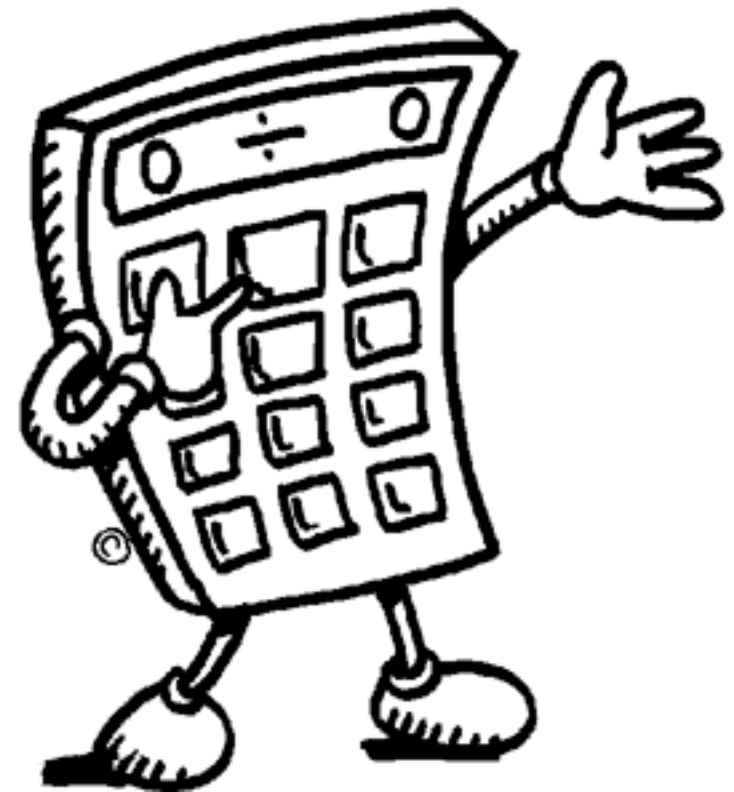
>>> 12 - 3

>>> 9 + 5 - 15

Operators:

add: +

subtract: -



# Math

More operators:

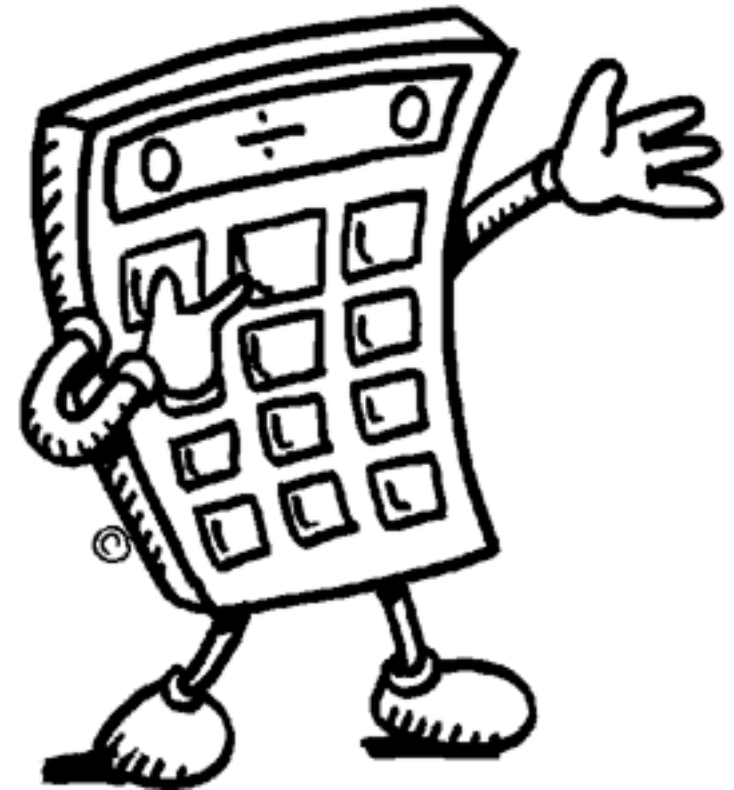
divide: /

multiply: \*

```
>>> 6 * 5
```

```
>>> 6 / 2
```

```
>>> 10 * 5 * 3
```





# Math

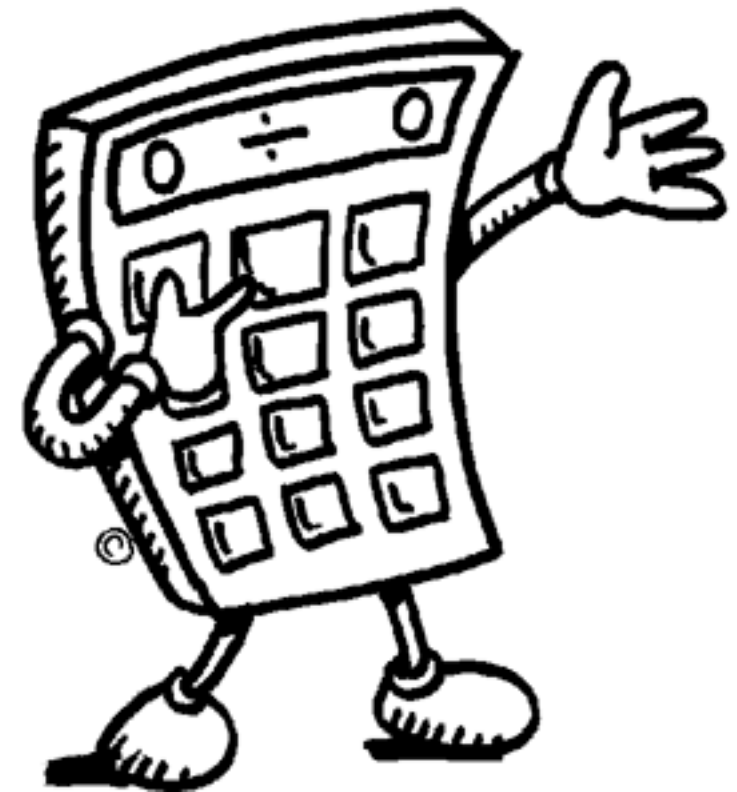
Try some more division:

>>> 8 / 5

>>> 20 / 7

>>> 10 / 3

Are you getting the  
results you expected?



# Math

Integers: 9, -55

Floats (decimals): 17.31, 10.0

```
>>> 10 / 3
```

3

```
>>> 10 / 3.0
```

3.3333333333333335

```
>>> 10 / 2
```

5

```
>>> 10.0 / 2
```

5.0

★ Rule: If you want Python to answer in floats, you must talk to it in floats.

# Math

## Comparison operators:

<code>==</code>	Equal to
<code>!=</code>	Not equal to
<code>&lt;</code>	Less than
<code>&gt;</code>	Greater than
<code>&lt;=</code>	Less than or equal to
<code>&gt;=</code>	Greater than or equal to

# Math

## Practice:

>>> 5 < 4 + 3

>>> 12 + 1 >= 12

>>> 16 \* 2 == 32

>>> 16 != 16

>>> 5 >= 6

==

Equal to

!=

Not equal to

<

Less than

>

Greater than

<=

Less than or equal to

>=

Greater than or equal to

# Math

## Practice:

```
>>> 5 < 4 + 3
```

```
True
```

```
>>> 12 + 1 >= 12
```

```
True
```

```
>>> 16 * 2 == 32
```

```
True
```

```
>>> 16 != 16
```

```
False
```

```
>>> 5 >= 6
```

```
False
```

# Strings

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Examples:

```
>>> "garlic breath"
```

```
>>> "Hello!"
```

Try typing one without quotes:

```
>>> apple
```

What's the result?

★ Rule:  
A string must be in quotes

```
>>> "apple"
```

```
>>> "What's for lunch?"
```

```
>>> "3 + 5"
```



# Strings

String operators:

concatenation: +

multiplication: \*

Try concatenating: `>>> "Hi" + "there!"`

Try multiplying: `>>> "HAHA" * 250`

# Strings: Indexes

Strings are made up of **characters**:

```
>>> "H" + "e" + "l" + "l" + "o"  
'Hello'
```

Each character has a position called an *index*:

H	e	l	l	o
0	1	2	3	4

In Python, indexes start at **0**

# Strings: Indexes

```
>>> print "Hello"[0]
```

```
H
```

```
>>> print "Hello"[4]
```

```
>>> print "Hey, Bob!"[4]
```

```
>>> print "Hey, Bob!"[6-1]
```

# Strings: Indexes

## Rules:

- ★ Each character's position is called its *index*.
- ★ Indexes start at 0.
- ★ Spaces inside the string are counted.

# Variables

# Variables

Calculate a value:

```
>>> 12 * 12  
144
```

How can you save that value?

Give the value a name:

```
>>> donuts = 12 * 12  
>>> donuts  
144
```

# Variables

Create a variable  
and give it a value:

```
>>> color = "yellow"  
>>> color  
'yellow'
```

Now assign a  
new value:

```
>>> color = "red"  
>>> color  
'red'
```

```
>>> color = "fish"  
>>> color = 12
```



# Variables

- ★ Calculate once, keep the result to use later
- ★ Keep the same name, change the value

# Variables

Some other things we can do with variables:

## Math operations

```
>>> donuts = 12 * 12  
>>> fishes = 3  
>>> fishes + donuts
```

## String operations

```
>>> color = "yellow"  
>>> day = "Monday"  
>>> color + day  
>>> color * fishes  
>>> color + day * fishes
```

# Variables

More things we can do with variables:

Get an index  
from a string:

```
>>> fruit = "watermelon"  
>>> print fruit[2]
```

Do some math  
to get the index:

```
>>> mynumber = 3  
>>> print fruit[mynumber-2]
```

# Variables

Assigning values or making comparisons?

```
>>> fruit = "watermelon"
```

```
>>> 5 = 6
```

```
>>> fruit == "watermelon"
```

```
>>> 5 == 6
```

# Errors

# Errors

```
>>> "friend" * 5  
'friendfriendfriendfriendfriend'
```

```
>>> "friend" + 5
```

```
Error
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
```

```
TypeError: cannot concatenate 'str' and 'int' objects
```

Do you remember what 'concatenate' means?

What do you think 'str' and 'int' mean?

# Errors

```
>>> "friend" + 5
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
```

```
TypeError: cannot concatenate 'str' and 'int' objects  
^               ^               ^               ^
```

- Strings: 'str'
- Integers: 'int'
- Both are objects
- Python cannot concatenate objects of different *types*



# Errors

How can we fix this error?  
Concatenation won't work.

```
>>> "friend" + 5  
Error
```

What if we make 5 a string?

```
>>> "friend" + "5"  
friend5
```

What's another way that we  
could fix this error?

Let's do something new with  
the `print` command:

```
>>> print "friend", 5  
friend 5
```

# Types of data

# Data types

We already know about three types of data:

"Hi!"	string
27	integer
15.238	float

Python can tell us about types using the `type()` function:

```
>>> type("Hi!")  
<type 'str'>
```

Can you get Python to output `int` and `float` types?

Data type: Booleans

# Booleans

A Boolean value can be: `True` **or** `False`.

Is 1 equal to 1? `>>> 1 == 1`  
`True`

Is 15 less than 5? `>>> 15 < 5`  
`False`

# Booleans

What happens when we type  
Boolean values in the  
interpreter?

```
>>> True  
>>> False
```

When the words 'True' and  
'False' begin with *upper case*  
letters, Python knows to  
treat them like Booleans  
instead of strings or integers.

```
>>> true  
>>> false  
>>> type(True)  
>>> type("True")
```

# Booleans

## **and**

If both are True: `>>> 1==1 and 2==2`  
True

If only one is True: `>>> 1==1 and 2==3`  
False

If both are False: `>>> 1==2 and 2==3`  
False

# Booleans

**or**

If both are True:  $>>> 1==1 \text{ or } 2==2$   
True

If only one is True:  $>>> 1==1 \text{ or } 2!=2$   
True

If both are False:  $>>> 1==2 \text{ or } 2==3$   
False



# Booleans

## **not**

You can use the word  
**not** to reverse the  
answer that Python gives:

```
>>> 1==1
```

```
True
```

```
>>> not 1==1
```

```
False
```

Any expression that is  
True can become False:

```
>>> not True
```

```
False
```

# Booleans

You can also use booleans in their own expressions:

```
>>> True and True
```

```
>>> True and False
```

```
>>> False and False
```

```
>>> True or True
```

```
>>> False or True
```

```
>>> False or False
```

```
>>> not True and True
```

```
>>> not True or True
```

# Booleans: Practice

Try some of these expressions in your interpreter.

See if you can predict what answers Python will give back.

```
>>> True and True
>>> False and True
>>> 1 == 1 and 2 == 1
>>> "test" == "test"
>>> 1 == 1 or 2 != 1
>>> True and 1 == 1
>>> False and 0 != 0
>>> True or 1 == 1
>>> "test" == "tests"
>>> 1 != 0 and 2 == 1
```

# Data type: Lists

# Lists

List: a sequence of objects

```
>>> fruit = ["apple", "banana", "grape"]  
>>> numbers = [3, 17, -4, 8.8, 1]
```

Guess what this will output:

```
>>> type(fruit)
```

```
>>> type(numbers)
```

# Lists

**List: a sequence of objects**

```
>>> fruit = ["apple", "banana", "grape"]  
>>> numbers = [3, 17, -4, 8.8, 1]
```

**Guess what this will output:**

```
>>> type(fruit)  
<type 'list'>
```

```
>>> type(numbers)  
<type 'list'>
```

# Lists

**Index: Where an item is in the list**

```
>>> fruit = ["apple", "banana", "grape"]  
>>> fruit[0]  
'apple'
```

```
['apple', 'banana', 'grape']  
  0         1         2
```

**Python always starts at zero!**

# Lists

Make a **list** of three of your favorite colors.

Use an **index** to print your favorite color's name.



# Lists

Make a **list** of three of your favorite colors.

```
>>> colors = ['red', 'orange', 'purple']
```

Use an **index** to print your favorite color's name.

```
>>> print colors[1]
```

Logic

# if Statements

# if Statements

Making decisions:

**"If** you're hungry, let's eat lunch."

**"If** the trash is full, go empty it."

If a condition is met,  
perform an action:

```
>>> name = "Katie"  
>>> if name == "Katie":  
    print "Hi Katie!"
```

```
Hi Katie!
```

# if Statements

Adding a choice:

**"If** you're hungry, let's eat lunch.  
Or **else** we can eat in an hour."

**"If** there's mint ice cream, I'll have a scoop.  
Or **else** I'll take vanilla."

Adding a choice in  
our code with the  
*else clause*:

```
>>> if name == "Katie":  
        print "Hi Katie!"  
    else:  
        print "Impostor!"
```

# if Statements

Adding a choice:      "**If** you're hungry, let's eat lunch.  
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Adding a choice in  
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```
>>> if name == "Katie":  
        print "Hi Katie!"  
else:  
        print "Impostor!"
```

Need to line up!



# if Statements

Adding many  
choices:

"**If** there's mint ice cream, I'll have a scoop.  
Or **else** if we have vanilla, I'll have 2!  
Or **else** if there's chocolate, give me 3!  
Or I'll just have a donut."

Adding more  
choices in our code  
with the *elif* clause:

```
>>> if name == "Katie":  
        print "Hi Katie!"  
    elif name == "Barbara":  
        print "Hi Barbara!"  
    else:  
        print "Who are you?"
```

# if Statements


Adding many  
choices:

"**If** there's mint ice cream, I'll have a scoop.  
Or **else** if we have vanilla, I'll have 2!  
Or **else** if there's chocolate, give me 3!  
Or I'll just have a donut."

Adding more  
choices in our code  
with the *elif* clause:

Need to line up!

```
>>> if name == "Katie":  
        print "Hi Katie!"  
elif name == "Barbara":  
    print "Hi Barbara!"  
else:  
    print "Who are you?"
```





# if Statements

## if/elif/else practice

Write an if statement that prints "Yay!" if the variable named `color` is equal to "yellow".

Add an *elif* clause and an *else* clause to print two different messages for other values of the variable.

(Here's our last example)

```
>>> name = "Katie"
>>> if name == "Katie":
        print "Hi Katie!"
    elif name == "Barbara":
        print "Hi Barbara!"
    else:
        print "Who are you?"
```

# if Statements

## if/elif/else practice

Write an if statement that prints "Yay!" if the variable named color is equal to "yellow".

Add an *elif* clause and an *else* clause to print two different messages for other values of the variable.

```
>>> color = "blue"
>>> if color == "yellow":
    print "Yay!"
elif color == "purple":
    print "Try again!"
else:
    print "We want yellow!"
```

# Loops

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*Loops* are chunks of code that repeat a task over and over again.

★ *Counting* loops repeat a certain number of times.

★ *Conditional* loops keep going until a certain thing happens (or as long as some condition is True).



# Loops

*Counting* loops repeat a certain number of times - they keep going until they get to the end of a count.

```
>>> for mynum in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]:  
        print "Hello", mynum
```

```
Hello 1  
Hello 2  
Hello 3  
Hello 4  
Hello 5
```

The *for* keyword is used to create this kind of loop, so it is usually just called a *for loop*.

# Loops

*Conditional* loops repeat until something happens (or as long as some condition is True).

```
>>> count = 0
>>> while (count < 4):
        print 'The count is:', count
        count = count + 1

The count is: 0
The count is: 1
The count is: 2
The count is: 3
```

The *while* keyword is used to create this kind of loop, so it is usually just called a *while loop*.

# Functions

# Functions

Remember our PB&J example?

Which looks easier?:

1. Get bread
2. Get knife
4. Open peanut butter
3. Put peanut butter on knife
4. Spread peanut butter on bread
5. ...

1. Make PB&J

Functions are a way to *group* instructions.




# Functions

What it's like in our minds:

“Make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.”

In Python, you could say it like this:

```
make_pbj (bread, pb, jam, knife)
```



The diagram consists of five red upward-pointing chevrons (^) positioned below the code. The first chevron is under 'make\_pbj', and the next four are under 'bread', 'pb', 'jam', and 'knife' respectively. These chevrons point to the labels 'function name' and 'function parameters' located at the bottom of the slide.

function **name**

function **parameters**

# Functions

What if we wanted to make many kinds of sandwiches?

“Make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.”

“Make a cheese and mustard sandwich.”

In Python, it could be expressed as:

```
make_sandwich(bread, filling, toppings)
```



*function **name***



*function **parameters***

# Functions

Let's define a function in the interpreter:

```
>>> def say_hello():  
        print 'Hello'
```

Now we'll call the function:

```
>>> say_hello()  
Hello
```

# Functions

Let's define a function with parameters:

```
>>> def say_hello(myname):  
        print 'Hello', myname
```

```
>>> say_hello("Katie")  
Hello Katie
```

```
>>> say_hello("Barbara")  
Hello Barbara
```

# Functions

A few things to know about functions ...

```
>>> def say_hello(myname):  
    print 'Hello', myname
```

def	This is a <b>keyword</b>	We use this to let Python know that we're defining a function.
myname	This is a <b>parameter</b> (and a <b>variable</b> ).	We use this to represent values in the function.
print ...	This is the <b>body</b>	This is where we say what the function <i>does</i> .

# Functions: Practice

1. Work alone or with a neighbor to create a function that **doubles a number** and prints it out.

(Here's our last example)

```
>>> def say_hello(myname):  
        print 'Hello', myname
```

# Functions: Practice

1. Work alone or with a neighbor to create a function that **doubles a number** and prints it out.

```
>>> def double(number):  
        print number * 2
```

```
>>> double(14)  
28
```

```
>>> double("hello")  
hellohello
```

# Functions: Practice

2. Work alone or with a neighbor to create a function that takes **two numbers**, multiplies them together, and prints out the result.

(Here's our last example)

```
>>> def double(number):  
        print number * 2
```

```
>>> double(14)  
28
```



# Functions: Practice

2. Work alone or with a neighbor to create a function that takes **two numbers**, multiplies them together, and prints out the result.

```
>>> def multiply(num1, num2):  
        print num1 * num2
```

```
>>> multiply(4, 5)  
20
```

```
>>> multiply("hello", 5)  
hellohellohellohellohello
```

# Functions: Output

`print` displays something  
to the screen.

```
>>> def double(number):  
      print number * 2
```

We call the function,  
passing it the number 12:

```
>>> double(12)  
24
```

We call the function again,  
passing it the number 12  
and assigning it to the  
variable `new_number`:

```
>>> new_number = double(12)  
24
```

But what happens here?

```
>>> new_number
```

# Functions: Output

This time let's use `return`  
instead of `print`.

```
>>> def double(number) :  
      return number * 2
```

We call the function,  
passing it the number 12:

```
>>> double(12)  
24
```

We call the function again,  
passing it the number 12  
assigning the value to the  
variable `new_number`:

```
>>> new_number = double(12)  
24
```

Now what happens here?

```
>>> new_number
```

# Functions

- ★ Functions are **defined** using `def`.
- ★ Functions are **called** using **parentheses**.
- ★ Functions take **parameters** and can return **outputs**.
- ★ `print` *displays* information, but does not give a value
- ★ `return` gives a **value** to the caller (that's you!)

Input

# Input

**Input** is information we pass to a function so that we can do something with it.

In this example, the string “Katie” is the input, represented by the variable myname.

```
>>> def hello_there(myname):  
        print "Hello", myname
```

```
>>> hello_there("Katie")  
'Hello there Katie'
```

# Input

The `raw_input()` function takes *input* from the user - you give that input to the function by typing it.

```
>>> def hello_there():  
    print "Type your name:"  
    name = raw_input()  
    print "Hi", name, "how are you?"
```

# Input

```
>>> def hello_there():  
    print "Type your name:"  
    name = raw_input()  
    print "Hi", name, "how are you?"
```

```
>>> hello_there()
```

Type your name:

Barbara

Hi Barbara how are you?



# Input

## A shortcut:

```
>>> def hello_there():  
    name = raw_input("Type your name: ")  
    print "Hi", name, "how are you?"
```

```
>>> hello_there()
```

```
Type your name: Barbara
```

```
Hi Barbara how are you?
```

# Modules

# Modules



A module is a block of code that can be combined with other blocks to build a program.

You can use different combinations of modules to do different jobs, just like you can combine the same LEGO blocks in many different ways.

# Modules

Lots of modules are included in the Python Standard Library.  
Here's how you can use a few of these modules:

Generate a random number between 1-100:	<pre>&gt;&gt;&gt; import random &gt;&gt;&gt; print random.randint(1,100)</pre>
--	--

What time zone does your computer think it's in?:	<pre>&gt;&gt;&gt; import time &gt;&gt;&gt; time.tzname</pre>
--	--

Print a calendar for this month!:	<pre>&gt;&gt;&gt; import calendar &gt;&gt;&gt; calendar.prmonth(2016, 2)</pre>
--------------------------------------	--

# Modules

Print the names  
of all the files in  
a directory:

```
>>> import os
>>> for file in os.listdir("/home/pytn"):
    print file
```

Open a web  
page and read it:

```
>>> import urllib
>>> myurl =
    urllib.urlopen('http://www.python.org')
>>> print myurl.read()
```

# Modules

## Turtles!

```
>>> import turtle
>>> turtle.reset()
>>> turtle.forward(20)
>>> turtle.right(20)
>>> turtle.forward(20)
>>> turtle.bye()
```

You can find out about other modules at: <http://docs.python.org>

Let's make a game!

# Games!

Open a new window (File > New File) and type these lines:

```
secret_number = 7

guess = raw_input("What number am I thinking of? ")

if secret_number == guess:
    print "Yay! You got it."
else:
    print "No, that's not it."
```

From the menu, choose Run > Run Module. Save as 'guess.py'.  
What do you see in the interpreter?



# Games!

Open a new window (File > New Window) and type these lines:

```
from random import randint
secret_number = randint(1, 10)

while True:
    guess = int(raw_input("What number ...? "))
    if secret_number == guess:
        print "Yay! You got it."
        break
    else:
        print "No, that's not it."
```

Choose Run > Run Module. Save as 'guess2.py'.  
What do you see in the interpreter?

# Games!

Open a new window (File > New Window) and type these lines:

```
from random import randint
secret_number = randint(1, 10)

while True:
    guess = int(raw_input("What number am I thinking of? "))

    if secret_number == guess:
        print "Yay! You got it."
        break
    elif secret_number > guess:
        print "No, that's too low."
    else:
        print "No, that's too high."
```

Choose Run > Run Module. Save as 'guess3.py'.  
What do you see in the interpreter?

# Making Games

Open **makinggames/catanimation.py** (File > Open) and find these lines:

```
FPS = 10
```

Change it to something else (5 or 30), then choose Run > Run Module.

What happens?

# RGB COLORS

WHITE = ( 255 , 255 , 255 )

BLACK = ( 0 , 0 , 0 )

RED = ( 255 , 0 , 0 )

GREEN = ( 0 , 255 , 0 )

BLUE = ( 0 , 0 , 255 )

# RGB COLORS

WHITE	=	( 255 , 255 , 255 )
BLACK	=	( 0 , 0 , 0 )
RED	=	( 255 , 0 , 0 )
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Red

Green

Blue

Check out:  
[color.adobe.com](https://color.adobe.com)

# Making Games

Open **makinggames/wormy.py** (File > Open) and try changing the following lines:

```
FPS = 10          # try 30 or 5  
CELLSIZE = 20    # try 10
```

Or try changing the window size

```
WINDOWWIDTH = 640    # try 800  
WINDOWHEIGHT = 480   # try 600
```

OR try:

```
BGCOLOR = WHITE    # instead of BLACK
```

# Making Games

Open **makinggames/squirrel.py** (File > Open) and try changing the following values.

```
FPS, WINWIDTH, WINHEIGHT
```

```
GRASSCOLOR = (24, 255, 0) # TRY (255, 24, 0)
```

Or try changing:

```
BOUNCERATE, STARTSIZE, MAXHEALTH, NUMSQUIRRELS
```

And look for:

```
invulnerableMode
```

Congratulations!

You're now a Pythonista!



## *What can YOU do with Python?*

- Make more games
- Edit music and videos
- Build web sites
- Write a program that does your homework for you ...
- What are some other ideas?